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"STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE"

1-03 ~~KENT, Sherman~~
CLEARANCES (JUDY)

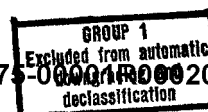
15 July 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Request for Clearance for New Preface to Book Entitled
"Strategic Intelligence" by Sherman Kent

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 7.
2. Today the attached memorandum from the Director of Security states: "There is no objection to the publication of the requested preface (by Mr. Kent) provided the author will not disclose his CIA connections and will make no attribution to the Agency."
3. The reservations appear to be on the order of asking that Lyndon B. Johnson not identify himself as the President of the United States. Sherman Kent has long and publicly been known as the Director of National Estimates, CIA. He has been made to appear by some right-wing writers as somewhat of a controversial figure.
4. I take it there is no security objection to publication of the proposed preface; the only decision to be made is to Mr. Kent's request as to the propriety or non-propriety of his having "Strategic Intelligence For American World Policy" reprinted but with the new preface.
5. There are statements in Mr. Kent's book he might wish to change, i.e.: footnote on page 47 re the atom bomb; page 48, the statement that merging of India and China could be considered a threat to the U.S. or the USSR and his statement, "No conclusion could be more useless."; page 87 re barriers between FBI and CIA and salary of DCI \$14,000 annually; page 192 re alleged better safeguarding of state secrets by military than by civilian departments of Government and that an Official Secrets Act would be helpful in the U.S.
6. There have been changes since Mr. Kent wrote his book.

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7. Recommendation (in addition to prior one of yesterday): That Mr. Kent's request be approved, if his own ethical standards, loyalty to the CIA and to his colleagues, and adherence to the President's Code of Ethical Conduct, 1965, cause him to believe there will be no conflict and no harm to the CIA resulting from this private enterprise.

SIGNED

Attachment

cc: DDCI

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